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BIRTHS.

On the 30th December, at Hongkong, the wife
of EXCEALD DOWSETT THOMAS, s.s. Nanning, of
a son. [3501]On the 30th December, at the Peak Hospital,
Hongkong, the wife of J. F. WRIGHT, Manila, of
a son. [3502]On the 24th December, at 4, Range Road,
Shanghai, the wife of N. A. VILOUDAKI, of a son.
DEATH.On the 30th December, at 5.45 p.m., at the
Peak Hospital, GRACE ANNIE, dearly beloved
wife of JOHN SCOTT HARSTON, aged 27 years. [3503]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 31st December, 1902.

SURELY never was any great country placed
in such a humiliating position as is China
at the present day. Reduced by the
natural process of decay, the misgovernment
of her rulers, and the pressure of outside
peoples to a state which is practically
impotent, China is constantly being called
upon to repudiate the engagements which
she has made with one Power or another.
It is not often that she has much to say,
even in entering originally into the engagements;
still less is she allowed in the matter
of the repudiation. Every Power in turn
which is "interested" in China—to the
great detriment of China's interests, as a
general rule—squeezes from the helpless
and often unpaid officials at Peking some
concession giving special advantages over
other Powers. In time the transaction is
made public, and at once it becomes a
question whether compensation must be
given to the rest of the nations or the first
bargain denounced. In any case it is
China that suffers, and but for her very
inertness it would be difficult to see how the
Empire could have lasted. Compelled constantly
to act in a way damaging to her own
strength and reputation, and misled by
the authorities at Peking, China drags on
an inglorious existence. One or two
actions claim to act as far as possible for
the evening a success.—Contributed.

her good; the others more cynically allow that the guiding motive of their conduct toward China is acquisition. Recently Britain, the United States, and Japan have shown certain compunction and indeed almost friendly feelings toward China, but unless these feelings induce them to co-operate in building up her position to a certain extent the open aggression of other nations will soon bring the whole fabric to the ground. An example of what China has to suffer is furnished in the London telegram which we publish in another column, which states that Russia has brought pressure to bear on China against employing the Japanese instructors whom she had contemplated for her army and that Japan has in consequence appealed to Great Britain to support her claim to be considered on an equal footing with the other Powers. This claim of Japan, we are glad to see, is acceded to by Lord Lansdowne and it may be hoped that Russia's interference may be held in check. But the real humiliation of the affair is not for Japan but for China, who cannot even be allowed to engage military instructors of one nationality without one of her "friends" stepping in to protest. It is only natural that Russia, the country which has wrung most of the unfair concessions out of her helpless neighbour, should be the one to attempt to prevent other Powers from doing anything which may be to the benefit of China. A policy of unblushing aggression against China and of underhand deceit towards the other claimants to China's favours has become a tradition with Russia, and China alone is absolutely unable to put an end to the existing state of affairs. The ideas of reform, about which we heard so much when the Imperial Court was on its way back to Peking, have apparently faded away into nothingness, and China is doomed to get on as best she can amid, and indeed, to a great extent, because of the jealousies of the Powers watching around her. It is impossible to imagine a nation in a more pitiable condition.

To-morrow, New Year's Day, another short story by a local writer will appear in our columns. There will be no issue of the *Daily Press* on the following morning, but on Saturday the paper will appear as usual.

Yesterday morning several Chinamen, armed with choppers, entered a house at Chungshawan and terrified the inmates, whom they robbed. They escaped at the time, but one has since been arrested.

Nos. 2 and 4, Cross Street, Wanchai, were gutted by fire yesterday morning. The outbreak started between two and three o'clock, but the Fire Brigade, which arrived under Captain Lyons, Deputy Superintendent of Police, were unable to save the two houses. No. 2 was a pawnshop and No. 4 a dwelling-house.

The following is in the well-known vigorous style of the *Koko Chronicle*.—A few days ago we received a beautifully got-up circular, in which we read in large letters that the *Times* *Encyclopaedia Britannica* could be obtained from a certain address in Yokohama for "5 yen." On looking more closely at the circular we found that the big "5 yen" printed there in red was preceded and followed by lines of small type, according to which it appeared that the five yen was merely a "preliminary payment," and that there were to be "subsequent monthly instalments" at the rate of 10 yen each.

This style of "catch" advertisement ought to be regarded as unworthy of a respectable firm of publishers, but it seems to be good enough for the *Times*, which is engineering the *Encyclopaedia* reprint. However, it seems to us that those who have any idea of purchasing this reprint ought to thoroughly understand what they are buying, and as the circular is by no means clear on this point it may be well to make a full explanation.

The annual dinner and smoker of the domestics of the Fleet in harbour took place on Boxing Night at the Connaught House Hotel. Twenty-five sat down to dinner at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rashly was in the chair, and Mr. Clements vice-chair. The toast of the King was proposed by the chairman and afterwards Mr. Sherrington of the *Glory* proposed "Our Guests." Mr. Northcott responded with a few appropriate words. Dinner over, the programme was commenced as follows:

Piccolo Banjo, and Piano Selection by Messrs. Sherrington, Dawson, and Lonsdale.

Song: "Alice, Where Art Thou?" Mr. Sherrington.

Song: "Good-bye, Good-bye," Mr. Dawson.

Song: "Three Women to Every Man," Mr. Ellis.

Song: "Grace Darling," Mr. H. J. Dawson.

Comic Song: "Barber Shop," Mr. Danforth.

Comic Song: "Fingers and Thumbs," Mr. Danforth.

Comic Song: "We've been ill," Mr. Dawson.

Song: "I'm married to," Mr. Dawson.

Song: "Friendship's Name," Mr. Ellis.

Song: "Alabam Coon," Mr. Kerr.

Comic Song: "Two Little Pigs," Mr. Harding.

Recitation: "Volerton Head," Mr. Fogg.

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It is no good crying over spilt milk; better prevent it from being spilt, and if the precautions taken in the past have proved insufficient to cope with the evil, adopt more stringent measures to prevent it in the future. If stronger measures are adopted, more vigilance displayed, I feel sure house collapses will become less frequent. Builders or contractors may become fewer in numbers but of better quality, and there will be a less demand for sepoys.

Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space.—Yours, etc.

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HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-WAYS CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 18th ordinary annual general meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the general managers, Messrs J. D. Humphreys & Son, 38, Queen's Road Central. Mr. J. A. Jupp (chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs J. Orange, A. H. Maxwell, J. A. Tarrant, G. Murray Bain, C. Ewens, G. Rapp, and J. L. Cotter (secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts having been with you for some days, I propose with your permission to take them read. The traffic receipts for the year a.s. show a substantial advance, but the costs of running have been largely increased, and we must be prepared to face still further increases in the charges accounts in future years. Almost the whole of our rolling stock being imported from England, the fall in exchange on this item alone will have a considerable influence on the running expenses and upkeep. During the year the relaying of the permanent way with new rails has been practically completed, and we have a good supply of spare rails in stock. The rolling stock generally is in first-class order, but we have thought it advisable to again write down this account \$5,000, as the wear and tear with the improved time-table is much greater than before. A contract has been entered into for covering in the top station, a much-needed improvement, and the work is now nearing completion. Owing to the increasing number of 3rd class Chinese passengers travelling principally servants of Peak residents, it has been found necessary to provide a raised enclosure at the Garden Road Station for their use. As these two items will increase the amount at debit of stations and shelters by about \$4,000, we have written off in anticipation a further sum of \$1,400 from the total under this heading, bringing it down to \$11,000. We feel sure you will approve of our having added \$5,000 to reserve fund. In the opinion of your consulting committee and general managers, it should be our policy to continue to build up this fund, so that we may be in a strong position to meet any emergency that may arise. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions,

The CHAIRMAN formally moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. MURRAY BAIN—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts, and in so doing I should say that the shareholders, I think, may congratulate themselves upon the continued good management of the Company.

The motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the re-election of Mr. C. Ewens, Hon. C. W. Dickson, and Mr. J. Orange to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. MANSELL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Ewens moved that Messrs Fullerton Henderson and W. H. Poole be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. TARRANT seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

The CHAIRMAN stated that dividend warrants would be ready this morning.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. steamer *China*, with ms. &c., left Shanghai for this port on the 29th inst., at 9 a.m., and is due here to-day, a.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Kong* *Alex* left Kobe, via Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 28th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 6th prox.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Darmstadt*, carrying the German mail with dates from Berlin of the 9th inst., left Colombo on the 29th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 10th prox.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Vancouver at 7.30 a.m. on the 27th inst.

The Russian steamer *Hermann Lersche* left Moji on the 27th inst. for this port en route for Odessa.

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POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 30th December.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THEFT FROM COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

Pan Tak, a coolie, denied a strong six dollars' worth of rubber from the Cosmopolitan Docks on the 29th inst.

An Indian watchman said he stopped the accused walking out of the gate with the rubber, rolled up in paper, under his arm. He told witness that he got it from a friend, whom he subsequently pointed out, and who was also arrested.

In the case against this man, however, was not pressed, and he was placed in the box as a witness. He said he did not give the rubber to the defendant; all he knew about it was that he saw it lying under a bole, and said in a loud voice—There are two pieces of rubber here. Then he went away.

The accused was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Sham Lan, a weaver, was accused of assaulting a widowed countrywoman, and denied it. The complainant said she was in her house at 9, Amoy Street, sewing, when the defendant entered, and without a word came up to her, forced some poisonous medicine into her mouth, dragged her from the bed where she was sitting, and assaulted her. The lady, who was in the room, ran out and summoned a constable, and the defendant was arrested.

The lady told a similar story, but not so the defendant, who explained his relationship with the complainant. She was his proper wife, but left him in Canton, for some reason best known to herself, and it was in order to persuade her to go back that he, at the request of his wife's parents, came down to Hongkong after her. As to the alleged assault, he was suffering from an internal complaint, for which the alleviative was pepper, and when he entered the house in Amoy Street where his wife was, he had in his hand some pepper he was about to swallow. His wife said it, thought he was going to throw it in her face, and raised a disturbance; the lady was apparently possessed of a similar idea, and ran for a policeman. That was all; there was no assault, and he did not intend to commit any.

His Worship bound him over in \$50, personal bond, to keep the peace for six months.

INOCULATION IN THE PUNJAB.

The Punjab Government have been well advised to issue an official communiqué on the subject of the fatal consequences which were alleged to have followed the inoculation of certain inhabitants of the village of Mukowal, in the district of Gujrat. Though the explanation is tardy it does not appear that any great mischief has been caused by the delay, because the authentic announcement only too accurately corroborates the lamentable statements that had gained currency. The authoritative pronouncement reveals a series of blunders which it is difficult to characterize in terms of moderation. It appears that the inoculation campaign, for which elaborate arrangements had been made, was stabilized at the very commencement through the inability of the Laboratory, for which elaborate arrangements had been made, to supply the necessary quantity of prophylactic serum. The scheme was based upon ten thousand doses of serum per diem; it was not until a fortnight before the operations commenced that it was ascertained that the full supply would not be forthcoming, and as a matter of fact the quantity used has fallen short of one-half the ten thousand doses a day the Punjab Government aver they were promised. There has been an extraordinary miscalculation here, for which, somebody should be brought sharply to book. This, however, is a matter of minor importance in comparison with most untoward developments which ensued. The Punjab Government state that it presently became apparent that the serum was not entirely free from contamination, and a very few cases were reported in which inoculation was shortly followed by death. It was not proved that death was due to inoculation, but in view of the possibility of this having been so, orders were issued on November 1st to suspend operations until a supply of fluid of unimpeachable purity was obtained. Before these could take effect the deplorable calamity of Mukowal occurred, where nineteen persons, inoculated from the same bottle, died of tetanus. All inoculation was immediately stopped, and a special enquiry undertaken to trace the source of contamination. The officers who conducted this investigation reported that although the risk of contamination may have been partly due to the inexperience of the Laboratory staff, it was mainly due to variations from the original method of preparing the prophylactic—changes made, it is stated, in accordance with the recommendations of the Plague Commission—with the object of increasing the efficiency of the prophylactic whilst at the same time reducing the dose. The staff of the Laboratory has now been strengthened, all serum used in future will be subjected to conclusive tests, and a full supply of serum will shortly be forthcoming.

Such is, in brief, the explanation of the Punjab Government of this most painful episode, and complete as it is from their point of view, the matter, we would urge, cannot be allowed to remain where it now stands. The Bombay Laboratory, the sole source in India whence prophylactic serum can be obtained, is charged with issuing fluid so contaminated that its use was followed by speedy death. A more serious allegation against an important Government establishment can hardly be conceived, whether the contamination arose from careless preparation or the employment of novel methods. The effect of this calamity has been to discredit the Government under whose auspices the inoculations were carried out and to place the prophylactic treatment under grave suspicion.

Whatever assurances may be given, inoculation in this plague-stricken country, will not be rehabilitated in the eyes of the native community until the allegations now made have been exhaustively sifted by a committee of experts, and those responsible for the fatal blunders made to answer. There is another side to this question. The opinion is held in many quarters that the Punjab Government, in order to carry out their campaign upon the unprejudiced scale essential to success, imposed an impossible task upon their inoculation staff, who were required to carry out a larger number of operations than is compatible with the observances of the proper precautions. It may be that this has contributed to the unfortunate fatalities that have occurred. The existence of this doubt, when inoculation in the Punjab is shortly to be resumed, strengthens the demand for an expert enquiry. The credit of the Government and the harmlessness of inoculation are now impugned, and infinite harm will be wrought if a thorough investigation of these most amazing mishaps is not promptly forthcoming.—*Times of India*.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA SHANGHAI.

THE DEAD ARCHBISHOP.

London, 24th December.

The Archbishop of Canterbury never recovered his strength after an access of weakness in the House of Lords on the 4th December. His Grace passed quietly and peacefully away. The Archbishop took the Sacrament on Thursday the 11th December, with the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London, whom he afterwards solemnly blessed.—*N.C. Daily News*.

KIPLING AND VENEZUELA.

London, 24th December.

Comment on the coalition with Germany in respect to Venezuela seems to have increased in bitterness. All the opposition papers notice it as the greatest blunder that has been made in international affairs since the Unionists came into power, and the alliance has few defenders in any quarter. Kipling has come out with a speech on the subject in the *Times*, in which he uses very plain language, which echoes what appears to be the general sentiment of the people.—*S. Times*.

CONDON'S IN MARTINIQUE.

London, 24th December.

Despatches from Paris report various conditions at Martinique. The volcanic destruction of the island has left the natives almost in a state of famine. The relief measures planned by the government cannot proceed because Governor Lemoine reports that he is afraid to visit the interior lest his absence should be the signal for a general massacre of the white population.—*Shantung Times*.

RUSSIAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

London, 24th December.

Announcement is made that the Russian Ministry of Finance has arranged for a permanent service of properly equipped vessels under the Russian Steam Navigation Company.—*S. Times*.

NEWS VIA AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE BOYCOTTING.

London, 23rd November.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking in the House of Commons last night, said that the much regretted action of their respective congregations in the cases of the Rev. Mr. Vlok and the Rev. Mr. Botha, of the Dutch Reformed Church. Such action, he said, was calculated to do away with union and prosperity in South Africa. The reported boycotting of National Scouts, Mr. Chamberlain believed, had been exaggerated, but the matter would have his careful consideration.

ZULU AND BOER—DELICATE SITUATION.

London, 25th November.

Zulu, the paramount chief of Zululand, while loyal to the British encourages the Zulus in their animosity against the Boers. He has been warned that he will be held responsible for the good behaviour of the natives.

PEACE BETWEEN THE DE WETS.

London, 26th November.

It is reported that before leaving, General Christiaan de Wet met his brother, Commandant Piet de Wet, and called him a traitor. The brothers fought. In the encounter Commandant Piet de Wet twice knocked down General Christiaan de Wet.

[Commandant Piet de Wet was one of the leaders of the National Scouts.]

THE AFRIKANER BOND.

London, 27th November.

Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr and other members of the Bond propose that the title "Afrikaner" be changed to "South African," and that the policy and aim of the Bond be the federation of South Africa in Canadian lines. They also propose that new settlers be eligible for membership.

REPORTED ACUTE DISTRESS.

London, 28th November.

A deputation from Johannesburg has assured Sir A. Lawley, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal, that the recent decision of the Supreme Court nullifying President Kruger's re-rent proclamation has accentuated the acute distress. Sir A. Lawley, in reply, said that he would postpone the payment of interest on bonds, but he would require clear proof of great hardship before he would move in the matter of rents.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE TSAR AND SPIRITU LISM.

London, 24th November.

Berlin and Vienna newspapers assert that an American spiritualist named Phillips has a remarkable influence over the Tsar. It is said that the Tsar takes no important decision, even in his family life, without consultation with Phillips. "Psychic treatment" is reported to have exercised an unfaurable effect upon the Tsarina.

London, 25th November.

Mr. Phillips, the "psychist," who was reported to have great influence over the Tsar, has left the Imperial court owing to the representations of the Court Physician and others.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

London, 24th November.

The Washington correspondent of the *Morning Post* reports that Mr. John Hay (the Secretary of State), Mr. J. D. Moyle (the Secretary for the Navy), Mr. Payne (Postmaster-General), and Mr. E. Root (the Secretary for War) oppose rigid anti-trust legislation proposed by President Roosevelt; while Mr. P. O. 'no' (the Attorney-General), Mr. E. A. Hitchcock (Secretary for the Interior), Mr. L. M. Shaw (Secretary to the Treasury), and Mr. J. Wilson (Secretary for Agriculture) support President Roosevelt; while Mr. F. L. M. 'no' (the Postmaster-General) is neutral.

London, 26th November.

President Roosevelt, in a letter which has been published, refused on the ground of race or colour to close the door of federal office to any good citizen.

AN AMERICAN TALE.

London, 24th November.

The Pittsburg *Despatch* states that while the Emperor William was at Sandringham he vainly tried to induce King Edward and his Ministry to promise neutrality in the event of Germany attacking the Monroe doctrine and acquiring St. Thomas, the Danish West Indian possession, and seizing territory in South America.

THE NATIONALISTS.

London, 25th November.

Mr. Tim Healy, member for North Louth, in emphasising the protests of Cardinal Logue and the Irish Nationalists from the House of Commons during the discussion on the Education Bill, declares that the situation is unparalleled. He states that Mr. Redmond is posturing as a Jack Boot in feathers to make believe he is the Napoleon of the Irish stage.

SUGAR CONVENTION DEBATE.

IN THE COMMONS.

London, 25th November.

In the House of Commons last night Sir William Harcourt moved an amendment to the motion for the adoption of the sugar convention, asking that the convention should be rejected. Sir W. Harcourt said that the convention shut and locked the open door of commerce, and put the keys in the hands of an European syndicate which might create a trust

harmful to British trade. The additional self-sprung per pound would amount to between even and eight millions a year.

Mr. Chamberlain in the course of an earnest and energetic farewell speech, said that the knell of the Empire would be tolled if the colonies were allowed to believe that for the sake of trifling advantage, the motherland was ready to sacrifice their interest. The motherland Mr. Chamberlain added, was bound to act equitably by their fellow-subjects in distant parts of the Empire.

Sir William Harcourt's amendment was negatived by 87 votes, the division being

For the amendment ... 126

Against the amendment ... 213

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Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General
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RESOLUTION:

That for the purpose of carrying into
effect the special resolution passed and confirmed at Extraordinary
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voluntarily under the Provisions of
the Companies' Ordinances 1865 to
1899, and that the Honourable Charles
Stewart Sharp, Alexander George
Wood, and John Thomas Martin
Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of
the said Company with liberty for
each of them to exercise all the
powers of the two liquidators and
that for the like purpose the liquidators
be and they are hereby authorised to
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Memorandum and Articles of Association
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Public Business TO-MORROW (THURS-
DAY), the 1st January, 1903.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED.

EVAN ORMISTON,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency.

G. MAYER,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

E. W. BUTTER,
Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

J. W. T. TAYLOR,
Representative in Hongkong.

For the GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF
NEW YORK.

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3477]

SITUATION WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN well up in French
Commercial Correspondence and Book-
keeping seeks any employ in an Office.
Speaks a little English. Good references.

Apply to— M. R.

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1902. [3451]

WANTED.

A FOUR-TO-SIX-ROOMED HOUSE for
residence at Kowloon, at once or later.

Apply to—

INSPECTION NORDD, LLOYD,
3, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [3238]

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN ASSISTANT experienced
in Shipping and General Office Work.

State Salary.

Apply by letter to—

No. 101.

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [3215]

WANTED.

A JUNIOR PORTUGUESE CLERK for
General Office Work. Must possess
intelligence and good handwriting.

Apply by letter to—

C. B. A.

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [3216]

WANTED.

A YOUNG ASSISTANT wanted for
Robinson Piano Co., Ltd., Shanghai

House. Salary \$100 to \$150 per month.

Apply to—

W. V. ROBINSON.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [3372]

TEAKWOOD STEAMER FOR SALE.

112 feet by 18 feet 6 inches
by 7 feet 6 inches.

Speed, 12 miles. Draft, 5 feet 6 inches mean.

Cargo Capacity, 100 tons.

ENGINES: C.S.C. 13 inches and 26 inches
by 16 inches stroke.

BOILER: 10 feet long by 9 feet diam.; 120 lbs.
Pressure.

Accommodation for Passengers and Crew.

Complete Deck and Engine-room outfit.

Built in 1899.

Photo and Specification to be obtained from—

W. S. BAILY & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3443]

**LOCAL AND DISTRICT
EVENTS, 19. 2.**

JANUARY.

1st—Weihsien taken over by the Colonial
Office.—Tai-ku Club Sports at Quarry Bay.

2nd—Chinese presentation to H.E. the Governor.

3rd—Chinese Court proceeded to Peotung.

4th—H.E. Sir A. Blake went on leave.

5th—Chinese Court returned to Peking by rail.

6th—British steamer "Manning" fired at on
West River; Rev. C. E. L. Cowan shot
through the leg.

7th—Foundation-stone of H.M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, laid.

8th—None received of Hon. J. H. Stewart
Lockhart's appointment to the Weihsien
Commissionership.

9th—Fire on s.s. *Byrne* in Hongkong Harbour.

10th—Death at the Government Civil Hospital
of Commander W.C.H. Hastings, Postmaster-

General.

11th—Suicide in the Hongkong Hotel.—Court
of the S. Andrew's Society at the City
Hall.

12th—Prof. Simpson's first report consider-
ed by the Sanitary Board.—Reception held
by the returned Court at Peking.

13th—Anglo-Japanese Agreement signed.

14th—Diomedes on fire in Hongkong Harbour.

15th—Meeting of the Chinese Commercial
Union to discuss the Public Health Bill.

16th—Chinese cruise "Kai-chih" blown up near
Nanking; 150 lives lost.

17th—Shanghai newspaper libel case (O'Shea
v. Cowen) concluded.

18th—Arrival in Hongkong of Sir H. S.
Berkeley, new Attorney-General.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LTD.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 6th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 28th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 12th January.
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
GENOA and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 26th February.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"DARDANUS"	On 20th February.
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"PYRRHUS"	On 21st February.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWO"	On 3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP and AMSTERDAM	"OOPACK"	On 16th January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
WICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, VIA	"PAKLING"	On 24th January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA		

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

OUTWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	On 31st December.
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	On 2nd January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY		
ISLAND COOKTOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Taking Cargo on through-bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1902.

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HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
RUBI	250	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
ZAFIRO	250	R. Rodger	Manila Direct	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Notley		
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 4th January.	
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 11th January.	
FOOCKHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU"	January, at 8 A.M.	
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December.	
			January.

Subject to alteration.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

The Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 30th December, 1902.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.

EASTERN. Captain Ellis will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 9th January, 1903, at DAYLIGHT. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort of passenger to the Steamers of the Company, have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1902.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS. THE Steamship

"VALETPA," Captain W. B. Palmer, a.m., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in both cases at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship

"GLENLOCHY," Captain E. J. Stalard, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALEDONIEN," Captain Remés, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 5th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUZU CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1903.

"MOGUL," About 6th Jan.

"HINDUSTAN," 15th Jan.

"SHIMOSA," To follow.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG," Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 7th January, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT-POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 12th January, 1903, at 1 P.M. the Company's Steamship "LAOS," Captain Flandin, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

January 1st (New Year's Day). The Post Office will be open for one hour only, 4 to 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail, the Office will be open for one hour after the Mail has been sorted. Correspondence for Local delivery may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open during the day. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Parcel Mails (or "Lumpers") for the *Yokohama Maru*, will close at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd January.

1002 The China, with the American Mail, left Shanghai on Monday, the 20th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The *Sanki Maru*, with the French Mail of the 30th ult., left Singapore on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 25th October.

The *China*, with the English Mail of the 5th December, left Singapore on Monday, the 20th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 4th January, 1903. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 3rd November.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	P.R.E.	DATE
Canton	Hongkong	Wednesday, 31st, 7.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fowchow	Aspin Maru	Wednesday, 31st, 9.00 a.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Hongkong Maru	Wednesday, 31st, 10.00 a.m.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.)		Registration, 10.00 a.m.
Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.
Nagasaki and Vladivostock	Savard	Letters, 11.0 a.m.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.	Athenaeus	Wednesday, 31st, 10.00 a.m.
Sandakan	Brundibar	Wednesday, 31st, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Yusho	Wednesday, 31st, 2.00 p.m.
Kobe	Laceeoon	Wednesday, 31st, 3.00 p.m.
Heilow and Haiphong	Tsuzuki	Wednesday, 31st, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow	G. Diederichsen	Wednesday, 31st, 5.00 p.m.
Kobe	Thales	Wednesday, 31st, 5.00 p.m.
Haiphong	Pekin	Wednesday, 31st, 5.00 p.m.
Manila, Chilaidy Island, Townsville, Bris- bane, Sydney, and Melbourne	Haiphong	Thurs., 1st Jan., 9.00 a.m.
Manila	Kumano Maru	Thurs., 1st Jan., 9.00 a.m.
Manila	Rabi	Friday, 2nd Jan., 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai	Longtong	Friday, 2nd Jan., 3.00 p.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Kanku	Friday, 2nd Jan., 4.00 p.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Veltta	Saturday, 3rd Jan., 1903
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Victorid	Printed matter and samples, 10.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Rosetta Maru	Registration, 10.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Namading	(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.)
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Zafiro	Letters, 11.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Kong Albert	Saturday, 3rd Jan., 11.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		Mon., 5th Jan., 11.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		Wed., 7th Jan., 10.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		Wednesday, 7th Jan., 1903
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		Printed matter and samples, 10.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		Registration, 10.00 a.m.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.)
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma		Letters, 11.00 a.m.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Billiard-Table, No. 35 Queen's Road Central, Mr. Gao, P. Laumert, noon. Sale, Household Furniture, sale Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Bough, 2.30 p.m. Janet Waldford Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

31st December.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer, 1.7 Bank Bills, on demand, 1.7 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 1.7 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 1.7 Credits, at 1 month's sight, 1.7 Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight, 1.7

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand, 1.902 Credits, at 1 month's sight, 1.902

ON GERMANY.— On demand, 1.621

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand, 384 Credits, 60 days' sight, 394

ON BONN.— Telegraphic Transfer, 1181 Bank, on demand, 1181

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer, 1182 Bank, on demand, 1182

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight, 72 Private, 30 days' sight, 72

ON YOKOHAMA.— Banked, 30 p.c.p.m.

ON MANILA.— On demand, 1 p.c. pm.

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand, 1 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.— On demand, 951

ON HAIPHONG.— On demand, 11 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.— On demand, 11 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand, 654

SCHELEGINS, Bank's Buying Rate, \$12.54

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per oz., \$65.30

SILVER, B.M., 24

OPIUM.

30th December.

Quotations are:— Allow 10 cent to 1 cent.

Malwa New, \$1.00 to \$1.30 per pound

Malwa Old, \$1.00 to \$1.35

Malwa Older, \$1.00 to \$1.70

Per F. per wrapped, to

Persian fine quality, \$7.00 to

Persian extra fine, to

Persian New, \$1.00 to — per cheet.

Patna Old, — to —

Patna New, \$8.50 to —

Bunras Old, — to —

Bunras Old, — to —

BUNRAS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *China* left Shanghai for this port on the 29th inst., at 9 a.m., and is due here to-day, a.m.

The T.S.K.M. steamer *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 19th inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Castile* left Singapore for this port on the 29th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 4th prox., at about 10 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Kong* (left) left Kobe, via Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 28th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 6th prox.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Darm-* *stadt* left Colombo on the 22nd inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 10th prox.

THE MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The H.A.L. steamer *Amelia* from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Bonny Maru* (Bomby Line) left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Sound Maru* (Oriental Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The M.M. steamer *Caledonia* left Singapore on the 29th inst., at 5 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

LESSONS IN FRENCH.

NEW and easy method of learning French in a few months, mainly by conversation with a Frenchman. Terms very moderate. Also Lessons in English by an English Lady.

Carry Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 30th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$62.50, shares £100 10s.
Nat'l. Bank of China	25	220, sellers 220, buyers 210.
B. Shares	25	220, sellers 220, buyers 210.
Four Shares	25	210, sellers 210, buyers 200.
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	25	210, buyers 200.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	10	220, sellers 220, buyers 210.
China-Burneo Co. Ltd.	15	220, sellers 220, buyers 210.
China Light and Power Co. Ltd.	20	210, sellers 210, buyers 200.
China Prov. E. & M.	10	210, buyers 200.
China Sugar	100	210, buyers 200.
Cigar Companies	500	200, sellers 200.
Alhambar, Ltd.	50	200, sellers 200.
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co. Ltd.	50	200, sellers 200.
Cotton Mills	100	200, sellers 200.
Two	100	200, sellers 200.
International	100	200, sellers 200.
Loou Kung Mow	100	200, sellers 200.
Soychay	500	200, sellers 200.
Hongkong	100	200, sellers 200.
Dairy Farm	100	200, sellers 200.
Kenwick & Co., Geo.	100	200, sellers 200.
Green Island Cement	100	200, sellers 200.
H. & C. Bakery	100	200, sellers 200.
Hongkong Ice	100	200, sellers 200.
H. L. Tramways	100	200, sellers 200.
H. L. Steam Water-bowl Co. Ltd.	100	200, sellers 200.
Hongkong Hotel	100	200, sellers 200.
Hongkong Ice	100	200, sellers 200.
H. & W. White & Co.	100	200, sellers 200.
Hongkong Rope	100	200, sellers 200.
H. & W. Dock	100	200, sellers 200.

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3 Star SPECIAL—The finest of all "Peg" WHISKIES at \$13.00

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